1	2	3
24.	Sikkim	0.066
25.	Tamil Nadu	
26.	Tripura	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	
28.	Uttarakhand	0.367
29.	West Bengal	
30.	A & N	
31.	Chandigarh	
32.	D & N Haveli	0.015
33.	Daman & Diu	
34.	Lakshadweep	
35.	Pondicherry	
	Total	29.405

Buffer stock of sugar

2004. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by the industrial lobby to maintain a buffer stock of around 30 million tonnes of sugar in order to help the sugar factories reduce their storage cost and whether Government are planning to move in this direction;

(b) since the production of sugar in the country is almost 40-50 per cent more than the domestic demand, what is the rationale behind 8-9 month long ban on export of sugar; and

(c) why Government are not trying to check the illegal hoardings by unscrupulous traders instead of imposing ban on export by the producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Central Government has not been approached by any industrial lobby to maintain a buffer stock of around 30 million tons. However,

the apex bodies of cooperative and private sugar factories *viz.*, National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd. and Indian Sugar Mills Association, have approached the Central Government requesting creation of buffer stock of about 2 million tons.

(b) The retail price of sugar in the open market which were in the range of Rs. 17.00 to 21.00 per Kg. in December, 2005, increased to Rs. 20.00 to 23.00 per Kg. in the month of May, 2006. In order to check the rise in prices, the Government had imposed ban on export of sugar with effect from 22nd June, 2006 *vide* notification dated 4th July, 2006. In view of the estimated higher production of sugar in 2006-07 sugar season the Government *vide* notification dated 3rd January, 2007 relaxed ban on export of sugar and allowed export against advance licenses. The Government has further relaxed the ban and has allowed export of sugar under OGL *vide* notification dated 23rd January, 2007.

(c) No State Government has requested the Central Government to impose stock holding/turn over limits on sugar traders.

Use of CWC godowns for foodgrain storage in Andhra Pradesh

2005. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has received representations from trade unions of Tallepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh to use the Central Warehousing Corporation godowns for foodgrain storage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India could utilize the C.W.C. godowns partially; and

(d) the steps proposed by the F.C.I. to utilize godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India has received representations from trade unions of Tallepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh to use the Central Warehousing Corporation godowns for foodgrains storage.

(c) and (d) In Revenue District West Godawari at Tallepalligudam, the FCI has godown of capacity of 9200 MTs. At Nawabapalem (TPGM) FCI